

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) proposes to issue a New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Discharge of Stormwater (DST) **Sand and Gravel Stormwater General Permit** (RSG) NJ0201189 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A, and by authority of the Water Pollution Control Act at N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.

This new master general permit is being issued to authorize the discharge of stormwater to ground waters of the State of New Jersey from facilities that engage in mining and quarrying of sand and gravel that **only** discharge to ground water. This category of facilities was covered under the Mining and Quarrying Stormwater General Permit but were unique in that they operated out of a borrow pit where they extracted materials either through an electric or diesel dredge moving the material to a series of screens via a slurry, or by extracting the materials, such as top soil, with earth moving equipment. Those facilities eligible for this new RSG permit **cannot** have a discharge to surface water. All stormwater from their site must infiltrate into the ground.

A draft NJPDES Stormwater Discharge New Master General Permit has been prepared based on the administrative record filed at the NJDEP, 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. Copies of the draft document are obtainable, for a nominal charge, and the administrative record is available for inspection by appointment only, Monday through Friday. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment or requesting specific information regarding the draft document, contact Matt Klewin of the Bureau of Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control at (609) 633-7021. Please note a full copy of the draft master general permit is also available at www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq.

Written comments must be submitted in writing by September 16, 2013, via email to matt.klewin@dep.state.nj.us or by other means which provides verification of the date of delivery to the Department, to Matt Klewin, Attention: Comments on Public Notice NJ0201189, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, Mail Code 401-02B, Division of Water Quality P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 by the close of the public comment period. All persons, including the permittees, who believe that any condition of this draft document is inappropriate or that the Department's decision to issue this draft document is inappropriate, must raise all reasonable arguments and factual grounds supporting their